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MEMORANDUM TO: Chief, D/S

THROUGH : Acting Chief, S/TD
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FROM : [REDACTED]

SUBJECT : Applications to Export Technical Data on Chemical Plants
and Processes to the USSR

1. The Department of Commerce is currently reviewing applications from Foster Wheelen and from Phillips Petroleum for licenses to export to the USSR technical data and possibly equipment designed for plants producing the following chemicals:

- a. Acetylene from natural gas
- b. Polyethylene and polypropylene
- c. Phthalic Anhydride
- d. Mallic anhydride
- e. Acrylonitrile
- f. Ethylene

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25X1A9a 2. The inter-agency Chemicals Task Group (CIA member - [REDACTED] S/TD) is preparing a study of these plants - the technology and equipment involved - for submission to the Operating Committee which will have initial responsibility for reaching a Government position on the export applications in question.

3. In order to complement this Task Group study, CIA has been asked to prepare an intelligence summary indicating the importance to the USSR economy of the technology (and equipment) requested, in terms of assisting her in meeting current plan goals.

4. This assignment could be handled through EDIC, the request being made by the Department of Commerce, with M/Ch and S/TD cooperating in drafting the requisite paper.

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